

In the claims:

1 1. A method of selling an item or service to a guest at a coverage area,  
2 comprising:  
3 reading an identification tag worn by a guest to obtain a tag identifier;  
4 accessing a guest data object using said tag identifier; and  
5 modifying a sales amount of said item or service from a monetary credits  
6 information stored in a monetary credits data field of said guest data object.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said identification tag comprises a radio  
2 frequency identification (RFID) tag.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein reading said identification tag comprises  
2 using an RFID reader to read said tag identifier from said RFID tag.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein accessing said guest data object  
2 comprises a processor retrieving said guest data object stored in a non-volatile memory.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein deducting said sales amount comprises a  
2 processor modifying said monetary credits information stored in said monetary credits  
3 data field of said guest data object.

1 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting said tag identifier  
2 and said sales amount from a point-of-sale (POS) system to a central server by way of a  
3 communications link.

1 7. The method of claim 6, further comprising:  
2 transmitting information related to said item or service description from said POS  
3 system to said central server by way of said communications link; and  
4 updating a purchases data field of said guest data object with said item or service  
5 description.

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1           8.       The method of claim 6, further comprising:  
2       transmitting a digital guest photo from said central server to said POS system;  
3       and  
4       transmitting a guest identification confirmation message from said POS system to  
5       said central server if said digital guest photo contains an image of said guest.

1           9.       The method of claim 6, further comprising:  
2           transmitting a transaction confirmation from said central server to said POS  
3           system; and  
4           printing sale confirmation information related to said selling of said item or  
5           service on a sheet of paper at said POS system.

1 10. A point-of-sale (POS) system, comprising:  
2 a reader to read a tag identifier stored in an identification tag worn by a guest at a  
3 coverage area;  
4 an input device to receive information related to an item or service to be  
5 purchased by said guest;  
6 a network interface to communicate with a central server; and  
7 a processor to cause a transmission of said tag identifier and item or service  
8 information to said central server by way of said network interface.

1        11. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said reader  
2 comprises a radio frequency identification (RFID) reader.

1 12. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said input device  
2 comprises a keyboard.

1 / 13. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said input device  
2 comprises a touch screen input device.

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1 14. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10; wherein said input device  
2 comprises a bar code scanner.

1 15. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, further comprising a display  
2 for displaying information related to the purchase of said item or service.

1 16. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, further comprising a printer  
2 for generating documents containing information related to the purchase of said item or  
3 service.

1 17. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said information  
2 related to said item or service comprises a sales amount of said item or service.

1 18. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said information  
2 related to said item or service comprises a description of said item or service.

1 19. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said information  
2 related to said item or service comprises an identification code of said item or service.

1 20. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said processor is  
2 capable of receiving a digital photograph of said guest and causing the display of said  
3 digital photograph on a display 406.

1 21. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said processor is  
2 capable of receiving a digital photograph of said guest from said central server by way of  
3 said network interface and causing the display of said digital photograph on a display.

1 22. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 21, wherein said processor is  
2 capable of prompting by way of said display to confirm that said digital photograph is of  
3 said guest and to cause the transmission of an identification confirmation signal to said  
4 central server by way of said network interface.

23. A central server to facilitate transactions within a coverage area,  
comprising:

3 a non-volatile memory to store a guest data object including a first data field  
4 containing information related to monetary credits;

5 a network interface to communicate with a point-of-sale (POS) system; and

6 a processor to receive information related to a guest of said coverage area and  
7 information related to an item or service being purchased, and to modify said monetary  
8 credits information based on a sales price of said item or service.

24. The central server of claim 23, wherein said guest data object further includes a second data field to contain information related one or more items or services purchased by said guest, and wherein said processor causes a storing of said information related to said item or service being purchased into said second data field.

25. The central server of claim 23, wherein said guest data object further includes a second data field containing information related to a digital photograph of said guest, and wherein said processor causes a transmission of said guest photograph to said POS system by way of said network interface.

26. A guest data object stored in a memory comprising a first data field containing information related to the monetary credits useful for making monetary transactions within a coverage area.

1           27. The guest data object of claim 26, further comprising a second data field  
2 containing information related to one or more items or services purchased by a guest  
3 within a coverage area.

1        28.     The guest data object of claim 26, further comprising a second data field  
2     containing information related to an identify of said guest.

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1           29.    A data structure stored in a memory defining a first data field for  
2    containing information related to monetary credits useful for making monetary  
3    transactions within a coverage area.

1           30.    The data structure of claim 29, further defining a second data field for  
2    containing information related to one or more items or services purchased by a guest  
3    within a coverage area.

1           31.    The data structure of claim 29, further defining a second data field for  
2    containing information related to an identify of said guest.

1           32.    A method of selling an item or service to a guest at a coverage area,  
2    comprising:  
3        reading information related to monetary credits for purchasing said item or  
4    service within said coverage area from a tag worn by said guest; and  
5        modifying said monetary credits information based on a sales amount of said  
6    item or service.

1           33.    The method of claim 32, wherein said tag further includes information  
2    related to an identity of said guest.

1           34.    The method of claim 32, wherein said tag comprises a radio frequency  
2    identification (RFID) tag.

1           35.    A point-of-sale (POS) system, comprising:  
2        an input device to receive information related to an item or service to be  
3    purchased by a guest within a coverage area;  
4        a reader/writer to read and modify information related to monetary credits for  
5    making monetary transaction within a coverage area; and  
6        a processor to receive said information related to said item or service to be  
7    purchased and said information related to said monetary credits, and to cause said

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8 reader/writer to modify said information related to said monetary credits based on said  
9 information related to said item or service to be purchased.

1 36. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 35, wherein said reader/writer  
2 comprises a radio frequency identification (RFID) reader/writer.

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